

St Andrew's Church, Girton

Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 2023



**Presented at the
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
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ST ANDREW'S GORTON

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Agendas for the Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

To be held in the church following the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, 12th May, 2024

Meeting of Parishioners Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the meeting of 14th May, 2023. See page 26.
3. Election of Churchwardens
4. Any other business

Annual Parochial Church Meeting Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the meeting of 14th May, 2023. See page 26.
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Number on the electoral roll
5. Questions about Annual Report (the report itself will be taken as read)

Please note - it would be helpful to have written questions in advance if you have questions of detail to ask.

6. Safeguarding
7. Financial report and accounts
8. Appointment of External Examiner of the accounts
9. Elections to the Parochial Church Council
 - a. Election of up to 2 members
10. Plans for 2024
11. Any other business - *items should be given to the Rector at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting, please.*

Introduction



Rector

2023 feels like a landmark year in many respects. There has been significant work to the fabric of the building, but there has also been significant work to the foundations of our life together as people of Jesus Christ in Girton. The range and depth of our work together in God's name is evident in the many reports included here.

I would like to thank, once again, the huge number of people who work together to make the life of this church community so encouraging. Some do public-facing things but there are many more who quietly work behind the scenes to keep everything moving. Every contribution is valued by me (and by God), and it is all supported by a growing life of prayer and financial sacrifice.

It is also worth noting at the outset that many new faces and visitors commend this church for the culture of welcome and warmth. From Bruce greeting people outside the door on Sunday mornings, to sidespeople making people welcome, people are able to quickly feel part of the community. This is growing as people stay for coffee at the newly re-ordered West End.

To my mind, 2023 was a year of building foundations. With most of the work to the building behind us we can now focus on using our growing ministry team to expand the ministry and witness of the church to the benefit of the people of Girton and to the glory of God.

I give thanks for such a strong and encouraging ministry team, and the faithful service of our Church Wardens and PCC, supported by so many others. Particular thanks go to Dugald for compiling this report - I commend it to you.

Revd. Michael Bigg



Churchwardens

The Mitten Tree was very well supported and several hundred items were distributed to needy people, both adults and children, in Cambridge communities.

A new website was designed and put into use. It is easy to access on girton.church and is more comprehensive. Do keep sending in 'news' and photos to our webmaster, Nigel Deacon.

Michael submitted a bid for the Coat of Arms to be renovated in the Coronation Year, which was accepted. It was quite a feat to remove it from the wall in the summer, with scaffolding, ladders and daring people. It was surprisingly large at 6 feet plus. It looks quite splendid now it is back in place in all its glory, especially when the sun catches it.

Dugald suggested a Bible Course of 6 weekly meetings. We all found it well structured, interesting and thoroughly enjoyed the discussions together.

FOSA events have been organised by the same committee for many years. Money has been raised for so many projects for the church, that I dare not try to list them, and everybody has enjoyed the wide variety of events too. The committee decided that they would have a well earned rest and hope that new ideas and help to organise them might be forthcoming soon. Thank you all for everything you have done for so long.

The Art Show was in May and the display in church was beautifully arranged with an even wider selection of art work than usual. This event brings in many visitors from far and wide and Action Abroad benefits too.

Of course the main memory of this year will be the Reordering of the West end of the church! The PCC and helpers cleared the whole area of everything at the end of June and in July workmen arrived. Peter Slinger, our chosen architect, had proposed many plans and the PCC had made decisions about practical and aesthetic needs over many years and now it was all happening. We managed to hold all services more or less as usual throughout the 5 1/2 months of work, though not without a few difficult times. It was great to see the development of our vision once the awful part was over (removing pews, digging out

concrete, excavation for foundations, numerous skips, etc.). Everybody seemed interested in what was going on and accepted patiently that the church needed to be closed while the builders worked and we hope that the finished West end, with the gallery, servery and open space is appreciated.

Ending, as we started, with the Mitten Tree, in the porch, instead of the church, but again well decorated with hats, gloves, scarves and warm knitted items.

What a year to be a church warden... and many thanks for all your help and support which made it such a wonderful year.

Bruce and Wendy Hunter

Objectives and Activities

Girton PCC promotes the mission of the Church of England in the village of Girton by providing public worship and other related activities. In 2023 we have enjoyed a full programme of public worship that has only occasionally been hampered by building work.

In 2023 our “worshipping community” numbered about 135 people, with a usual Sunday attendance of around 79 across all services (up from 75 on 2022). Numbers of children have dropped slightly with the departure of some large families, but other aspects have grown.

We continue to run the village toddler group (“Bobtails”) in the Cotton Hall and have many families attending this most weeks during term time, from Girton and from further afield. We have also continued our regular services in the care homes across the village and these are well-attended.

Eona Bell, as our Children and Families Minister has, continued to help us in our ministry to children and families, with particular growth in our ministry to local schools this year.

For many years, FOSA made a huge contribution to our church, particularly in joining up fundraising with social activity. They decided to disband this year after very many years of friendship and we are hugely grateful to the committee and all the people who have supported their work. It still remains to be seen what will emerge in its place.

Pastoral care and teaching continue to be areas in which we operate. Christina and Suzie do a huge amount of pastoral care coordination, and Dugald has continued to develop his ministry of teaching. Our funeral ministry was also significant this year.

There is, of course, more to be done. In 2024 we seek to grow the range of things we are able to do through a growing ministry team. But God was worshipped in Girton throughout 2023 and we hope that the church provided comfort and support where we could.

Revd. Michael Bigg

Ministry

The Ministry Team

Rector

It has been a joy to work with such a generous and talented team of ministers in 2023.

Eona has continued to be creative in seeking opportunities to try new things, as well as sustaining the things that already work well. Dugald continues to teach us many things, and to look after many administrative functions. It has been good to see him work on more regular meetings of study and prayer. Christina continues to give so much to pastoral ministry and the leading of our worship, and she is always ready to step in when needed. Her work as Subwarden of Readers has also been significant.

Suzie Filmer has grown in confidence as a pastoral minister, and provides care to a range of people in a range of situations. It has also been good to see Caroline Blackmun growing as a worship leader and exploring a preaching ministry.

We also have been blessed with a range of gifted preachers and worship leaders in Christine Barrow, Susan Rawlings, Douglas de Lacey, Bob Politt and our ordinand, Gioia. As a congregation we should be very grateful to have such a range of people who can lead us in worship and bring their own gifts and talents. (I am certainly grateful to always find it easy to get cover for holidays!)

This time last year I wrote of my hope that I might be able to write about the successful completion of the West End Makeover. It has been a huge job (that isn't quite finished yet), but we are very pleased with the outcome and I am very grateful to Bruce and Wendy for all their support and hard work in making it happen. Grateful thanks also goes to Peter Slinger (our Church Architect) for his diligent work throughout.

One other hope last year was that we could grow the team of "labourers in the vineyard". This has already happened in Caroline Blackmun's training as a worship leader, and many others have come forward to help with the many other aspects of church life (it's been good to welcome Terry Hoad and Martin Nuttall onto the PCC). In 2024 I am greatly looking forward to welcoming Kevin Parks as a full-time curate. He will give a whole new perspective on what we do and will enable new forms of ministry and worship.

Please continue to support us in prayer, action and financial support. Nothing happens without these things!

Revd. Michael Bigg

Associate Priest

Life has progressed on a more even keel this year, following the previous disruptions in parish life caused by Covid, and then my taking time out for hip replacement surgery which has proved to be a wonderful success.

Returning to my normal duties those have included taking the monthly Communion service at Gretton Court, and writing and leading the material for their Advent and Lent discussion groups. In addition, my work has involved working with families and supporting them as I officiated at the funeral of a loved one.

I decided to retire from the PCC this year. St Andrew's is in very good hands with strong and insightful leadership and I felt I was not contributing anything extra to the proceedings.

Having reached an age when most sensible people have long since retired, I am doing less in Girton than I used to do, but have not quite given up completely. It is still too much of a joy to continue a gentle level of work with Michael and the team, and am thankful that I am still given the opportunity to do this.

Revd. Chris Barrow

Readers / LLMs¹

Note: An LLM is a Licensed Lay Minister

As for last year, we have enjoyed working with Michael and we still enjoy working with him! We do feel part of a team sharing and helping in the ministry work of the church. We are both aware that Michael is not full-time, and so are willing to step in wherever necessary and able.

The Ministry Team is working well together, with complementary skills. As Licensed Lay Ministers we have assisted and preached in services in Girton and Madingley, at weekday Morning Prayer and Compline services, and elsewhere in the village or beyond the parish.

Christina Deacon...

Christina has a significant pastoral role within the church. She oversees/mentors the pastoral side of our work, sometimes visiting as well. Also she takes and assists in funeral services.

She also spent some time as Reader Sub-warden and is involved in the vocation discernment process on the Readers' Board and the LLM selection process in the diocese.

Dugald Wilson...

I ran The Bible Course twice this year. It is high quality material developed by the Bible Society to give people a better understanding of the Bible. About 13 people came over the 8 weeks of the course, and it was very well received and attendees did hope that something

¹ An LLM is a Licensed Lay Minister

more would come out of it. With the shortage of manpower at the 5Folds benefice, I have led the occasional service of Morning Prayer, 6 times in total. Following the retirement of their Team Vicar, there will be more requests for help. Further, I am still employed in managing the service staffing rotas (see the secretarial report).

Susan Rawlings...

I have greatly welcomed the invitation to offer a service of Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) at St Andrew's on the third Sunday of the month, except when other services are taking place. I am pleased that the invitation has been renewed for 2024.

The congregation at the service is very faithful and responsive. I find its commitment to the service most encouraging. The service is greatly helped by the music of the regular organist, Matthew Nall and of Mrs Kathryn Nall who acts as cantor. I am grateful also for the support of the readers and sidespersons.

Christina Deacon, Susan Rawlings and Dugald Wilson

Children and Young Families

The church's ministry with children and young families has continued to develop, led by a loyal and experienced team of volunteers and guided by our Children and Families Minister, Eona Bell.

Bobtails

Bobtails playgroup has run every week during school term-time, led by me and a loyal team of volunteers from St Andrew's (with increasing help from some of the parents and grandparents who attend). We meet on Tuesday mornings in the Cotton Hall and are grateful for the support of the Girton Town Charity. Sessions include free play, art and craft activities, refreshments, Bible stories and singing. Attendance increased over the year, to an average of 20 families each week, with children aged from 0-4 accompanied by parents, grandparents, childminders or nannies.

We see Bobtails as an important part of our outreach and service to the wider community, and as a safe and welcoming place to nurture the spirituality of very young children and their carers, as they explore issues of faith among friends.

Choir Church

Choir Church, our after-school singing group for children aged 7+, began the year with a memorable visit to Selwyn College, Cambridge, to hear part of a chapel choir rehearsal and Evensong. This was the first time that some of the children had attended a sung Evensong, and they were moved and impressed by the sights and sounds of the chapel. We were grateful to the Church Schools of Cambridge Trust for the Special Projects Grant which paid for our transport to and from Selwyn, and a sandwich tea. Thank you to Michael, Sheila, Richard and the parents who came to supervise.

Sadly, by mid-February attendance at Choir Church had fallen away to the extent that we decided to pause the project for the time being.

St Andrews for Kids

Our Sunday morning group for children of pre-school and primary school age met every week, except when we were in church for All-Age Communion. Attendance ranged from three to twelve children. Two families left the parish during the year, but we have been joined by occasional visitors. I am supported by a very experienced team of volunteer leaders - Susanna Carleton Paget, Wairimu Gatome, Jenny Prince, Jenny Knights, Katelyn McCraw and Chris Whitaker - who help to build relationships among the children and wider congregation.

Our sessions typically mirror the Liturgy of the Word, using the Godly Play approach to support children's spirituality and Christian learning. We explored some of the parables of Jesus, episodes in Jesus's life and ministry, and stories of some saints of the British Isles. In the summer term we reflected on the Fruits of the Spirit, inspired by an online art exhibition from the National Gallery. The autumn took us back to the Hebrew Bible and some of the core stories of the people of God.

Jenny Prince wrote another original script for the nativity play, skillfully combining humour with deep reverence; it was performed to the congregation by a cast of children and adults, once again working hard to prepare with just a single rehearsal.

Schools and community

From May to July we piloted a weekly Community Coffee Morning on Wednesdays at the Cotton Hall. This was supported by volunteers from the congregation and wider community, and attracted a small number of mostly older people from the village, with a few parents of young children. It was hoped that these social gatherings would resume in the church itself in the autumn, but the delays to the re-ordering project prevented this.

I have worked with Michael to maintain and develop our connections with the local schools, preschools and youth organisations, particularly around festivals, beginning with an Easter assembly at Girton Glebe.

During the summer holidays, I installed an outdoor poster trail inviting passers-by to stop, reflect on short passages from Scripture and notice some of the wildlife in our churchyard.

For Harvest, I visited Cottontails Preschool and the Year 1 class at Girton Glebe, telling the Jewish/Christian story of Creation. The Year 6 children from Girton Glebe came to church to deliver a large collection for the food bank, on behalf of the school.

In preparation for Remembrance Sunday, I visited Girton Brownies, Cubs and Beavers, leading meetings where we reflected on why we remember, and how young people can help others in difficult times. Girton Glebe pupils visited the church for a short service of remembrance including laying a wreath. The uniformed organisations attended the service at the village war memorial on the 12th November, and afterwards a St Andrew's team

arranged themed crafts and refreshments for the young people and their families in the Cotton Hall.

December was another busy month with children from Cottontails Preschool, Gretton School and Girton Glebe all visiting the church for carol services and talks about Christmas. I again visited Girton Cubs for a session on Christmas celebrations around the world, and worked together with people from Madingley Church and Girton Baptist Church to offer free craft activities for children at the Girton Glebe Christmas fair.

Eona Bell

Ordinand's Report

It has been a real privilege to be on attachment at St Andrew's this year. The opportunities I have been offered here – including preaching, leading an all-age service, deaconing, reading, helping with St Andrew's for Kids, assisting with communion at Arlington Manor and Abbeyfield, and attending occasional offices such as funerals and weddings – have been really valuable experiences that I know will be of great benefit as I step into curacy. I have learnt so much from my time here, and have felt so warmly welcomed and encouraged by this community.

Gioia Barnbrook

Services

Sunday Worship

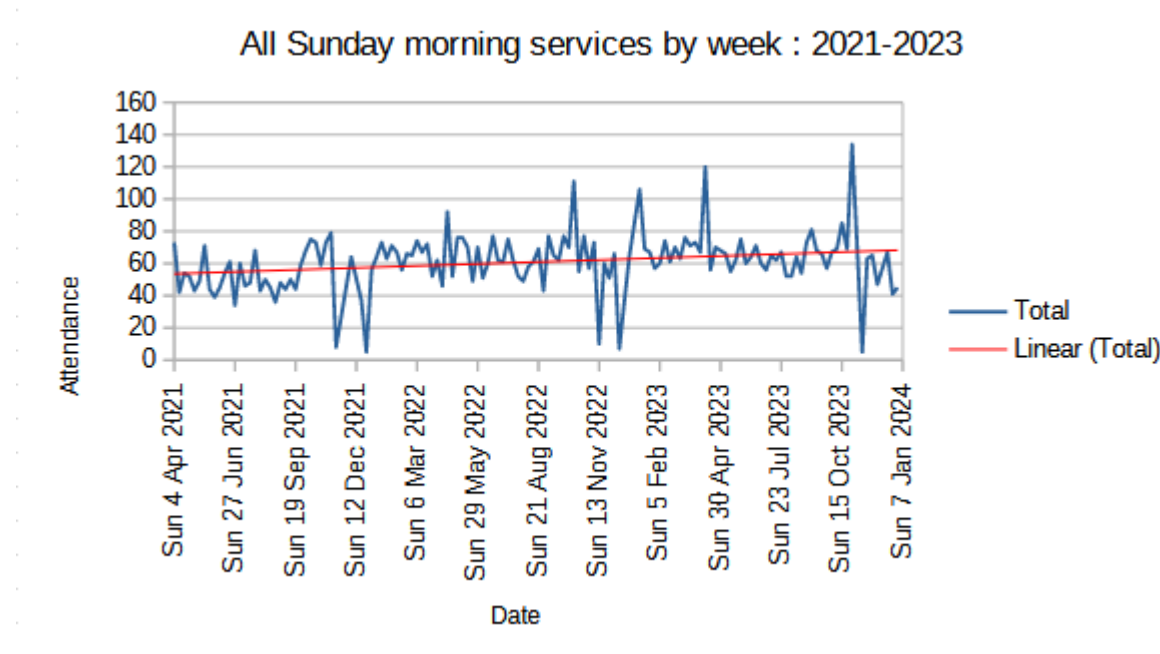
Our gathering for worship, Sunday by Sunday, in a range of styles, continues to be at the heart of our activity as a church. Here we meet with God and one another to be empowered ready to live our Christian vocation throughout the week.

Numbers attending on a Sunday continue to be strong, with average Sunday attendance at around 79 (including 9 children). We also continue to make our Sunday services available on YouTube for those unable to attend in person.

Attendance at Christmas and Easter grew from last year. A particular highlight was the Carols by Candlelight service which had a huge number of people treated to some wonderful singing led by our scratch choir (conducted by Jeremy Wong). Christingle was also packed out once again.

There is still steady demand for our 8am BCP Holy Communion and for the 6pm BCP Evensong. We are still waiting to see what emerges to fill the "reflective" slot that used to be the Taize service on the first Sunday of the month.

We continue to encourage people to attend weekly where possible, and also to get involved in the midweek services and activities (such as Morning Prayer on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week). Our life together as God's people develops most fully when we regularly meet together to give thanks and pray together.



In the above graph, **Total** represents the total attendance for all Sunday services each week. **Linear (Total)** represents a linear “best fit” straight line demonstrating the gradual increase of attendance over the last 3 years.

Revd. Michael Bigg



Occasional Offices

A significant number of funerals took place in Girton during 2023. We held 17 funerals, at church and in the crematorium (up from 12 in 2022), and interred the ashes of 6 people for whom we hadn't taken the funeral. This ministry is starting to pay off in terms of the wider engagement with the village. It was encouraging to see so many people come to the "In Memory" service in November - this ministry continues to be valued by those who attend.

Four baptisms took place over the year (5 in 2022), and we also had one marriage service. Our ability to take occasional offices was hampered by the building work in the second half of the year, so we were pleased to be able to do what we could.

Our current position remains that baptisms should normally take place during Sunday services unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Revd. Michael Bigg

Messy Church

Messy Church is for children of Primary School age and younger and their parents or Carers.

We meet at the Baptist Church on the second Thursday of each month at 3.30pm until around 6.00pm. It is very relaxed and starts with the children arriving from school and having snacks and drinks and then doing some colouring or puzzle activities and chatting until 4.00pm. The number of children attending varies between 8 – 24 each month, they mostly come from Girton and Oakington and their ages range from very tiny to about 11.

Sadly, at the moment, there are no children from St Andrew's attending though now Eona joins us, so that is three members of staff from St Andrews.

The main activities start at 4 with the story followed by the crafts which are designed to fit the theme. We end that part with prayers and a song and this is followed by a delicious supper cooked by Jen Mills of the Baptists.

Most weeks we are lucky to have volunteers who help the children with these activities and we find that it is a lot of fun making things and chatting with them. If you think you might like to join us by fulfilling this role please talk to one of us at any time.

The themes we had last year were The Paralysed Man, Jesus calming the storm, The Pharisee, and the Tax Collector, Handling our worries, Joshua and the fall of Jericho and Jesus as The Light of the World in addition to, of course, the usual Easter, Pentecost, Harvest and Christmas. We also, (weather permitting naturally), like to have a picnic with games and a treasure hunt on St John's Field beyond the Recreation Ground in July before we break for August.

We have been involved with the Messy Church crafts for a good while (Sheila for 11 years and I for 10) and we now feel that it is time for some others to take over this aspect of the sessions. We plan to retire after the picnic in July so that gives you time to consider whether

you could be part of the team. We will be willing to help settle you into this role and will be willing to be assistants to help ease into the role. Do please talk to us and perhaps come along to the May and June sessions so you can see how the sessions work. We will pass on to you all the craft materials we have to help you.

Jenny Knights and Sheila Hiley

Pastoral Care

It is always pleasing to note the way that people in the congregation look after one another. Pastoral care is the responsibility of everyone and so everyone is encouraged to care for others within their circle and beyond. There is a strong sense of welcome and care within the community and I note how willingly people share with others.

“Formal” pastoral care is mainly conducted by me, Christina Deacon and Suzie Filmer. I am very grateful to Christina and Suzie for all of the faithful visiting that they do on behalf of the church. As much as we would like to be able to visit everyone on a regular basis, the formal part of pastoral care is inevitably rather reactive to events and needs. If you, or someone you know, would be grateful for a visit then please do not hesitate to ask! We always try to respond to requests for visits in a timely manner.

Revd. Michael Bigg

Pastoral ALM's Report²

It has been a warm and very wet year. Amazingly, it has been one of the warmest Februaries ever so, of course, lots of colds and coughs. Unfortunately, I had Covid through January and most of February but am completely fit and visiting again.

I am guided in my pastoral care duties by Michael and by Christina and I feel very privileged to be able to visit people in their homes and in Care Homes. I also attend Communion at Arlington and Abbeyfield each month with Michael.

We would like to visit everyone regularly but it is really reactive to events and needs!

However, if you would be grateful for a visit, or if there is someone you know who you feel might do so, please do not hesitate to ask either Michael, Christina or myself. We will try to respond as quickly as we can.

It has been so good to see new people in the Church and we welcome them, as pastoral care is expressed in the care we show to one another and not just the ‘visiting’.

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn his face towards you to give you peace.

Suzie Filmer (Pastoral ALM)

² An ALM is a Authorised Lay Minister



Provision for the Elderly

There are three retirement/care homes in the village. Each has a communion service monthly.

Gretton Court is covered by Rev'd Christine Barrow. Both Arlington Manor and Abbeyfield are covered by Michael, with Christina standing in as necessary. In both of these places, we are helped by the Pastoral ALM, Suzie Filmer.

In her capacity as pastoral ALM, Suzie makes several home visits. Some of these are to residents in the care/retirement homes in the village, whilst others are to people still living in their own homes.

There are about 7 between the care/retirement homes and 6 still to people in their own homes.

Christina (liaising with Michael) oversees the pastoral visiting, doing a couple of them herself.

As a team, we are always happy to hear of those that may need our visiting services.

Christina Deacon and Michael Bigg

Music

This year was full of surprises! Jeremy took charge of the annual Christmas carol service, and despite shifting it to a Monday night, the turnout was fantastic.

With the organ out of commission for six months due to renovations, we had to rely on the piano, which led to some interesting voluntaries, and also we enjoyed hearing the McCraw

boys, Liam and Griffin, who played wonderfully on the piano during their final farewell service.

In other piano news - it now has upgraded castors, fitted by Pianoforte Centre who did a great job so we can now manoeuvre it much more easily. No puns here about 'wheel-ly' good ideas though...

Sadly, Maureen has decided to retire from her regular accompaniment duties. Her contributions have been invaluable, and her presence will be sincerely missed.



Richard Hinitt

Outreach

We continue to reach out to the village in a number of ways. A primary way of engaging with the wider community is through Bobtails, the weekly toddler group. This is starting to build up strong connections and a sense of community that has fed into (for example) the pancake party earlier this year.

We are also building better relationships with both of the local schools through Eona's work.

At Christmas we held a highly successful jazz concert in our newly re-ordered West End, and were pleased to invite many people into the church. We welcome many people into church through seasonal services too.

I am hoping that our growing ministry team will be able to develop (and make more intentional) our work of outreach to the village in 2024.

Revd. Michael Bigg

Safeguarding

In the calendar year 2023 there were no reports of any safeguarding concerns about young people.

Members of the church passed on the names of several people to me and to Michael. These were all adults for whom the parishioners were concerned. After consideration, none of these cases needed any further safeguarding action (over and above prayer and “keeping an eye” on them).

There are roughly 24 people in the church who are currently DBS checked. Please note that DBS checks are not transferable, but relate to the role for which people have been checked, e.g. PCC member, or Children’s work helper.

Five people have taken ten courses between them this year. In addition I have attended an online seminar about Modern Slavery.

Anyone in the church can enrol to take one of the online safeguarding courses. They can usually be completed in an hour or two and do give useful advice on things to look out for in order to keep children and vulnerable adults safe. Please speak to me if you would like to know more about the courses, or any aspect of safeguarding.

Helen Wilson

Building and Fabric



Fabric

This year has seen probably the biggest changes to the fabric in living memory.

The first work involved lime washing of the South wall to complete the work done to prevent damp. This was a big improvement, but the wall needs to be monitored regularly.

The second change involved the repainting of the clock face which now looks splendid. We are very grateful to an anonymous donor who funded the work.

The third change involved the renovation of the Coat of Arms. It was carefully taken down using scaffolding and was taken away for some weeks to do the restoration work, which was done very skilfully and the final result is magnificent.



The major change was the Reordering of the church. It was done under the careful supervision of our Architect, Peter Slinger. The work entailed removing two pews to provide a larger, more usable space at the front of the church. At the back six pews were removed, and the concrete floor removed and replaced with Ancaster stone. A modern serving area was introduced on the North wall. A new matching children's area was built on the South side. There is now a large flexible space which is useful socially. We can put in extra chairs when attendance is greater than usual. Thirty chairs were bought for this and they are stored on a well-designed trolley which takes up minimum space. At the back a Minstrels' gallery has been constructed which looks stunning. The bell ropes have been repositioned and can be rung from the gallery. An audio visual cupboard for the camera is at the same level. Extensive storage cupboards complete the work on the west wall. Conduit has been laid for the audiovisual changes and a new hearing loop has been installed. All the electrics have been tastefully hidden in a cupboard. In addition we have a new Welcome table by the South door. All the woodwork is top quality oak and looks very impressive.



Some radiators were removed and all the pipes flushed.

Finally, work has been done in preparation for the next change involving a new audiovisual system. I thank all those who have given time and effort over the years towards making these changes a reality.

In addition to all the changes, the routine maintenance of the fabric has continued, such as servicing of the boiler and fire extinguishers.

Bruce Hunter



Churchyard

There were twelve Saturday work parties as usual during the year, all well supported by regular helpers from the village and the congregation. We could always do with more help to maintain and enhance both the front and back areas, so please feel welcome to join us on the last Saturday of any month.

All the elm trees were checked for dead branches this year and they were removed as necessary. This was done professionally by tree surgeons. They also cut back the low growth from the base of each tree. We used to rely on volunteers but we can't continue to do that any longer.

We planned to leave an area at the back of the church unmown to see which wild flowers might grow, but this didn't actually work as the grass cutting team arrived before the area was signposted! Perhaps next year.....

The building contractors carefully erected fencing and a storage place in between graves at the side of the church. They were there for six months along with several skips too at the beginning of the project, but the damage to the grass was not extensive and it should soon grow back during the next few months.

The back gate to the recreation ground was padlocked for January and February as usual. Less footfall (mainly by dog walkers) means that the path through the yard can recover from being muddy.

People comment on how much they enjoy spending time in the church yard . They find it to be a beautiful and peaceful place to visit at all times of the year.



Wendy Hunter

Flower Arrangers

This has been a slightly odd year for the Flower Arrangers, largely because of the re-ordering programme which has been undertaken to the west end of our church, starting on 18th July and finishing on the 13th December, when the contractors left. During that period, apart from Sundays, the church was officially closed to the public. Despite this and despite the disruption, dust and detritus occasioned, we were able to have fresh flowers in and about the church on Sundays, quite apart from the major Festivals. Much of the Festival flower displays, particularly over the last 3 years, have been possible by the great generosity shown by our congregation who have responded warmly to Wendy's regular waving of a jar on Sundays inviting contributions! It has been, as ever, a real pleasure to dress the church over the year with the wonderful support of a very keen and gifted team of ladies.

Anne Lorimer



Church Cleaning

As always we have had a wonderful, diligent team keeping the church clean and tidy each week. This year has been especially challenging with the building work that has raised so much dust and mess which had to be cleared up every Saturday before the Sunday services etc. Very many thanks to everybody!

Wendy Hunter

Administration

Electoral roll

In 2023 we had 101 names on the electoral roll. During the year three members of our congregation have died, and five persons have moved away from Girton.

We have seven new members in the congregation - to whom we extend a very warm welcome.

Our number on the Electoral Roll therefore is 100.

Alice Few

PCC Membership and Activity

The Parochial Church Council operates under the Church Representation Rules (2022). It is made up of ex officio and elected members as detailed below:

Rector (ex officio)

- Michael Bigg (inducted in September 2020)

Church Wardens (ex officio)

- Bruce Hunter
- Wendy Hunter

Deanery Synod Reps (elected in May 2023 for 3 years)

- Terry Hoad
- Sheila Hiley

Licensed Lay Ministers (re-appointed at 2022 APCM for as long as they are licensed)

- Christina Deacon
- Dugald Wilson

Elected Members

- Geoff Burt (2022-2025)
- Alastair Lorimer (2023-2026 - also PCC Vice Chair)
- Martyn Johnson (2021-2024 - also PCC Treasurer)
- Jenny Knights (2021-2024)
- Helen Wilson (2022-2025 - from May 2022, also Parish Safeguarding Officer)
- Martin Nuttall (2023-2026)

The PCC has also appointed John Hall to be PCC Secretary.

In 2023 the PCC met on 16th January, 18th April, 14th May, 4th July, 19th September and 7th November. Minutes of meetings are available on request via the PCC Secretary at pcc-secretary@girton.church

Standing Committee

The Standing Committee comprises the Rector, Church Wardens, Licensed Lay Ministers and Treasurer. This group meets from time to time as needed and has discretionary spending powers (to be reported to PCC at the next available meeting). It did not meet formally in 2023.

Ministry Team

The Ministry Team comprises the Rector, Church Wardens and Licensed Lay Ministers (and from 2022, the Children and Families Minister). The group meets every 2-3 months to discuss the general life and business of the church (including pastoral needs) but has no decision-making or spending powers.

Revd. Michael Bigg / John Hall

Secretarial / Pews News

This report is basically the same as last year, but with the increased need for rota volunteers...

The administration work of the church and parish is distributed amongst several people. There is no church secretary who would have been a focus of all this work.

Susie Cumming helps us in the preparation of the weekly Pews News and other occasional copying and printing and we are very grateful to her for it.

Dugald Wilson has managed many of the church service rotas. It does take a serious amount of time to manage and so it is always appreciated that any changes are told to him in good time so that the service documentation can be updated in time for the Sunday services. Of course, there are other, non service specific, rotas managed by other people. All in all, the church seems to run pretty smoothly.

However, we'd like to raise the annual plea for volunteers for any task. People retire, but fewer people come to fill their places. This seems to be the case more so for the past year than for before. As a result, the lists shrink and it puts more of a burden on the decreasing number of people, and on Dugald who has to arrange the rotas while endeavouring not to overwork anybody. We need sidesmen, readers, intercessors, camera operators. Further, it would be helpful to have more people willing to fulfil some of the wardens' roles required during church services.

Nigel Deacon has managed the church website, keeping it up to date. He has also managed the occasional electronic newsletters informing us of important upcoming events. There is also a small team of dedicated and talented camera folk keeping our Sunday morning service streaming going.

Dugald Wilson

Finance

2023 was mainly characterised by spending of large sums on the reordering project, which by the end of the year had reached practical completion. The reordering fund is now exhausted and any further costs will be met from the legacy fund.

The general fund turned out to roughly break even over the year after the customary top-up of the fabric fund. However these calculations include a temporary shortfall of about £1,900 on the project to conserve the royal coat of arms, which we confidently expect to be recouped from a pledged anonymous donation in early 2024. In effect, this means that there was a modest surplus.

The churchyard fund is very healthy, primarily because of the receipt of investment income from graveyard trusts which had been accumulating at Ely for several years. We will continue to receive regular income from these trusts but the sum received in 2023 will not be repeated.

Our work with children and families continues to be supported by a grant from the Girton Town Charity, for which we are most grateful. We also learned towards the end of the year that the Bobtails playgroup has been chosen as a recipient of the Co-op Community Fund in 2024. Some of the events do generate modest income, but the activity as a whole is a long way from being self-supporting and in 2023 required input of £12,000 from the general fund.

Some of the changes that have taken place in 2023 will not make themselves felt until 2024. A number of regular donors have left us for one reason or another. The Girton Town Charity has vacated the parish office, turning it back into a cost rather than a source of income. With much less money in the deposit account, our income from bank interest will reduce. All of this has to be taken in the context of the return of a significant rate of inflation in the national economy. Our ministry share will be rising by 4% in 2024, and similar levels of increase may be expected in almost everything we have to buy.

We are immensely grateful to the regular donors who have signed up to automatic inflationary increases in the Parish Giving Scheme. Over three quarters of our income comes from voluntary donations and it is essential that this keeps pace with inflation.

Martyn Johnson

The Wider Church

Deanery Synod

There have been two main meetings this year, one in July and one in November. However, there is much to report.

July

This was mostly to report on the finalised Deanery Plan—People Fully Alive, a Strategy for Growth and what it might mean for the parishes in our Deanery. There are quite a few strands to this

These are some of the aims....

1. That the sharing of information improved to enable people to have a better understanding of what is happening across the Deanery.
2. That skills and specialist knowledge are shared across the Deanery.
3. That experience is shared through clergy and laity visiting other parishes.
4. That the boundaries of Girton parish are changed to exclude the new development at Eddington.
5. That there are minor changes to the deployment of clergy.

The Diocese now HAS to take account of what we want.

It will have implications for the deployment of clergy-- We have 8 full time equivalent clergy but more resources are needed for the new Waterbeach settlement, (Northstowe was well funded, Waterbeach isn't being so far) There was a lot of discussion about this.

Clergy finance James Blandford-Baker said he thought this would be a crunch year financially which will have implications for clergy numbers.

To find out more you can look up Ely Diocesan Plan People Fully Alive 2024 on the internet.

November

The main business in this meeting was to inform people about a new online learning initiative called The Learning Revolution which feeds into the ideas set out in the new Diocesan Plan It aims to develop open Christian learning from those who are just interested to those wishing to study for ALMs and LLMs

If you would like to find out more there are leaflets about this on the back shelf of the left -hand pews...do take a copy.

Other Matters.

General Synod It was reported that there had been friction between the laity, the clergy and the bishops over the Living in Love and Faith proposals. This has gone back to the House of Bishops.

£150 million has been put aside to redress historic abuses in the church.

Our New Bishop---there are 6 members of the Diocese on the Crown Appointments Committee including JBB. The Shortlist will be ready in May, the interviews in July and the new Bishop should be in post in December.

Deanery Finance

Our Deanery has a proud tradition of always paying our Parish Share but some parishes are very short of cash so we may not have managed it this year leading to us not getting our usual rebate. Our trusty treasurers found a way. In short, parishes are paying a little bit more and using Deanery funds from the 2022 rebate. There was a suggestion that the Deanery Synod should really talk about the Parish Share.

Other good news is that parish treasurers are going to pool information on utility bills and so on to look for best practice.

Sheila Hiley / Terry Hoad



Action Abroad

A total of £2100 was raised during 2023 and at the time of writing is due to be sent to the Domboshawa Trust. Domboshawa Theological College, in Harare has just celebrated its 30th anniversary and offers a Diploma in Pastoral Studies, a BA in Religious Studies and Theology and a Masters of Theological Studies. "Students come from different denominations and share a common belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour."

The Art Exhibition, held in the church, raised a magnificent £1340. Once again, thanks are due to the many people who worked so hard to make it such a success. We are now in preparation for the 2024 exhibition. Further funds were raised through the tithing of the GTC parish office income (£180), and various donations and legacies.

A further sum of £1200 was raised by subscription (10 subscribers @ £120) for the Lisa Kent Trust in order to support funding for a year for a Christian teacher in the Gambia. This is seen as being important in a predominantly Muslim country.

Claire Conboy

Friends of St Andrew's

Following a 3 year period of inactivity due to the Covid pandemic it was found that an appetite for support of FOSA's fund raising activities had diminished to the extent that, with a heavy heart, the then Committee felt the time had come to call it a day. This was after at least 25 years of effort and in some cases even longer. This view was reported to the PCC together with the balance of funds held (in excess of £2,600.00) in respect of which the wish was expressed that the same should be applied towards the restoration and refurbishment of the royal Coat of Arms. And there, since the 6th December, it now hangs splendidly for all to see.

Appendix

Minutes of Previous APCM - 14th May 2023

(held following the 10 a.m. service)

Present (at both meetings): Michael Bigg, Rector, in the chair (= M.B.), and 34 parishioners.

Apologies for absence (for both meetings) were received from: Roger and Alice Few, Valerie Hall, Celia Sharpe, Jilinda Tiley, Nigel Deacon, Claire Conboy, Maria Sadler, and Charles and Mary Avery.

Meeting of Parishioners

1. Apologies for absence. See above.

2. The minutes of the meeting of 8th May 2022 were approved, on the proposal of Jill Watkins, seconded by Marilyn Burt.

3. Election of Churchwardens. Wendy Hunter was re-elected as Churchwarden on the proposal of Suzie Filmer, seconded by Dugald Wilson, and Bruce Hunter was re-elected as Churchwarden on the proposal of Dugald Wilson, seconded by Suzie Filmer.

Prayers were said for Wendy and Bruce. M.B. asked that volunteers should come forward with a view to taking over from Bruce and Wendy for 2024/25. Wendy asked particularly for volunteers to do odd jobs which need not be done by Churchwardens but fell to them if no-one else volunteered.

4. Any other business. There was none.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for absence. See above.

2. The minutes of the meeting of 8th May 2022 were approved, on the proposal of Alastair Lorimer, seconded by Charlotte Avery.

3. Matters arising from the minutes. There were none.

4. The electoral roll now numbers 101 people (not 100 as stated in the Annual Report).

5. The Annual Report. No questions were raised. Dugald Wilson was thanked for his work in compiling it.

6. Safeguarding. Helen Wilson, Safeguarding Officer, was thanked for her work. Those present were reminded that *all* church members have a responsibility for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, and should raise any concerns with Helen Wilson or M.B.

7. Finance. Martyn Johnson said that he had nothing to add to what is in the Annual Report; no questions were raised. The meeting thanked him for his work as Treasurer.

Those present were reminded that he would be grateful for a deputy – someone who understood how the church accounts work and who would eventually take over from him.

8. The external examiner of the accounts. On the proposal of Martyn Johnson, seconded by Wendy Hunter, Jacquie Fisher was re-appointed.

9. Elections

a. Parochial Church Council. Alastair Lorimer was re-elected on the proposal of Adrian Rutherford, seconded by Nora Rutherford.

Martin Nuttall was elected, on the proposal of Bruce Hunter, seconded by Wendy Hunter.

b. Deanery Synod representatives. Sheila Hiley was re-elected on the proposal of Helen Wilson, seconded by Suzie Filmer.

Terry Hoad was elected on the proposal of Wairimu Gatome, seconded by Wendy Hunter.

Sheila and Terry are *ex officio* PCC members. A prayer was said for the members of the PCC, especially for Martin Nuttall and Terry Hoad as new members.

Malini Jesudason, who is standing down as Deanery Synod representative and PCC member, was thanked for her work in both capacities.

10. Plans for 2023

a. Thanks. M.B. began by thanking the ministry team, including Eona Bell, the Churchwardens, the members of the PCC, the Secretary, and all church members for their contributions to the work of the church.

b. Fabric and fittings. M.B. said: approval of our re-ordering plans is expected in the next week or so; the work should be done over the summer. The royal coat of arms is expected to be taken down tomorrow for restoration. Repainting of the face of the church clock is imminent; it is hoped that repair of the clock mechanism will follow. We have plans for putting solar panels on the church roof, and (when other re-ordering is complete) for a new audio system.

c. Outreach. We aim to persuade people not currently church members to become involved with the church and its work. Eona Bell's work with Bobtails, which is flourishing, and her new Wednesday coffee mornings, exemplify this. The Art Exhibition is an excellent way of bringing people into the church, in addition to the raising of money. M.B. also praised Dugald Wilson's Bible course, and hoped that Dugald's plan to run it again would be supported. He hoped for the establishment of house groups for prayer, Bible study, etc., and hoped also for ideas from church members for other initiatives.

d. General support from church members. M.B. asked church members to pray for the ministry of the church, and to come to church regularly, if possible bringing with them people who rarely come to church. He also asked them to contribute money. Our financial position is better than that of many churches, but any new initiative will require additional funds; the Parish Giving Scheme is an excellent way to give to the church. (Martyn Johnson added that *monthly* donations are especially convenient, as most bills are paid monthly.)

11. Any other business. Sheila Hiley asked for a volunteer to help with Messy Church at the Baptist Church on the second Thursday in June, when not all the usual helpers will be able to attend.

The meeting closed with prayer by Dugald Wilson and a recital of the Grace.

Annual accounts

For the benefit of those not familiar with the accounting structures of the church, some explanatory notes follow:

Money is sometimes held by the PCC on behalf of some other organisation, most notably the component of statutory fees that belongs to the diocese. These transactions do not appear as income and expenditure in these accounts. Any such funds held at the end of the financial year are recorded as a liability in the balance sheet, indicating that the money held in the bank account does not belong to the PCC.

PCC funds fall into three broad categories: unrestricted, restricted and designated. Unrestricted funds can be used for any purpose the PCC sees fit. Restricted funds represent money that was given for a specific purpose, and we are legally obliged to spend it on that. Designated funds represent money that the PCC has decided to allocate to a purpose, either by formal resolution or general agreement. The introduction of a designated fund helps to ensure that the money is ring fenced, whilst retaining the flexibility to reallocate the funds explicitly in the future.

The funds covered in this report are:

- **General:** The general fund holds all money used for general purposes which is neither restricted nor designated. Most everyday transactions use this fund.
- **Churchyard:** These are funds intended for the maintenance of the churchyard. It has both restricted and designated components, the latter being primarily fee income from burials and memorials.
- **Action Abroad:** Money associated with Action Abroad projects. Most of this fund is restricted since it comes from targeted fundraising. However the PCC has agreed to donate part of its income from the rental of the parish office to Action Abroad, and this appears as designated.
- **Fabric:** This is a designated fund which represents the money that the PCC has set aside as a sinking fund for future fabric maintenance. We aim to transfer funds into it at the end of each year, and spend from it as the need arises (most likely after the quinquennial inspection).
- **Legacy:** This is a designated fund to hold money received as legacies. Since this is not a regular source of income, the PCC prefers not to rely on it for routine operating costs. This fund helps to keep it separate for use as the PCC decides. Legacies which have spending conditions are accounted as restricted.
- **Grants:** This is a restricted fund used to hold funds from miscellaneous short term grants that have been received for a specific purpose. Such grants are typically 1-off payments which are spent shortly after being received (or in some cases before), and therefore do not justify creation of a named fund of their own.
- **Reordering:** Money assigned to the ongoing reordering project. The restricted component represents donations specifically for the project and the designated component is for funds from other sources that the PCC has chosen to allocate to the project.
- **Children:** This fund is for activities relating to children and family outreach, such as Bobtails and Choir Church. Funds received specifically for these activities are restricted, and supplementary funding from other sources is designated.

For clarity, all amounts are rounded to the nearest pound. This rounding sometimes leads to small discrepancies in the column totals.

The reports that follow are:

- The receipts and payments accounts for each fund in turn, designated and restricted funds being shown separately. The top level breakdown of the income and expenditure is broadly intended to follow the charities' statement of recommended practice (SORP), though there is no legal requirement for receipts and payments accounts to do so.
- The balance sheet, showing the assets and liabilities at the end of the year, with a breakdown by fund.
- A fund movement report, giving a 1-page summary of the overall change in each fund over the year.
- A statement of assets and liabilities giving a breakdown of where the funds are actually held.

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Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Note	From To	01 January 2023 31 December 2023	01 January 2022 31 December 2022
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Collections - loose small cash		£2,410	£1,892
Collections - envelopes, cheques etc		£1,094	£650
Standing order donations		£14,796	£12,436
Donations received via CAF		£2,680	£2,225
Parish Giving Scheme income		£26,532	£23,958
Donations via card payment services		£1,115	£846
1-off small cash donations		£1,346	£867
1-off donations		£4,279	£3,553
Income from online merchants		£35	£21
Gift Aid tax recovered direct		£2,595	£7,680
Gift Aid recovered by others		£6,192	£5,468
	<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<i>£63,075</i>	<i>£59,595</i>
Income from charitable activities			
Occasional offices - statutory PCC fees		£2,026	£1,398
Occasional offices - supplementary items		£830	£654
	<i>Total Income from charitable activities</i>	<i>£2,856</i>	<i>£2,052</i>
Other trading activities			
North Room/church hire - fund raising		£3,777	£2,928
Parish Office hire - fund raising		£1,620	£6,480
Fundraising events		£1,815	£764
	<i>Total Other trading activities</i>	<i>£7,212</i>	<i>£10,172</i>
Investments			
Bank and deposit account interest		£8,378	£2,683
Income from investments		£1,157	£1,150
Rent from lands or buildings		£405	£2
	<i>Total Investments</i>	<i>£9,939</i>	<i>£3,835</i>
Other income			
Grants received		—	£600
Parish Share rebate		—	£780
Parish office costs recovered		£103	£122
	<i>Total Other income</i>	<i>£103</i>	<i>£1,502</i>
Total income and endowments		£83,185	£77,156
Expenditure			
Raising funds			
Costs of fund raising resources		£32	£79
Costs of events		£736	—
	<i>Total Raising funds</i>	<i>£768</i>	<i>£79</i>
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Giving to other charities		£130	£120
Ministry parish share		£44,908	£43,680
Parish Office costs		£882	£493
IT-related costs		£288	£476
Working expenses of incumbent		—	£319
Organist and choir leader payments		£3,056	£3,864
Upkeep of organ		£180	£180

Note	From To	01 January 2023 31 December 2023	01 January 2022 31 December 2022
		£427	£326
		—	£180
		£1,476	£2,232
		£203	£121
		£108	£96
		—	£190
		£2,864	£2,535
		£2,349	£996
		£1,710	£764
		£198	£172
		£23	—
		£803	£767
		£275	£17
		£180	£130
		£60	£81
		£6,831	£1,471
		£340	—
	<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	<i>£67,291</i>	<i>£59,211</i>
Other expenditure			
Sundry expenditure		—	£14
	<i>Total Other expenditure</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>£14</i>
Total expenditure		£68,059	£59,304
		£15,126	£17,852
		(£15,000)	(£12,000)
		—	£11,756
		£3,660	(£5,139)
		£65,868	£53,398
Total carried forward balance		£69,653	£65,868

Churchyard - Churchyard fund (Designated) Fund

Income and endowments

Income from charitable activities		
Occasional offices - statutory PCC fees	£4,864	£1,011
Occasional offices - supplementary items	£540	£50
<i>Total Income from charitable activities</i>	<i>£5,404</i>	<i>£1,061</i>
Total income and endowments	£5,404	£1,061

Expenditure

Expenditure on charitable activities		
Miscellaneous staffing expenses	—	£70
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>£70</i>
Other expenditure		
Grave digging payments	£420	—
<i>Total Other expenditure</i>	<i>£420</i>	<i>—</i>
Total expenditure	£420	£70
		£4,984
		£4,062
Total carried forward balance	£9,046	£4,062

<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2023 31 December 2023	01 January 2022 31 December 2022
Churchyard - Churchyard fund (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Standing order donations		£200	£200
	<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<u>£200</u>	<u>£200</u>
Investments			
Income from investments		£6,377	£866
	<i>Total Investments</i>	<u>£6,377</u>	<u>£866</u>
Total income and endowments		£6,577	£1,066
Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Upkeep of churchyard		£3,248	£3,999
	<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	<u>£3,248</u>	<u>£3,999</u>
Total expenditure		£3,248	£3,999
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		£3,329	(£2,933)
Gains & losses		—	£68,733
Gains & losses		£4,045	(£5,737)
Brought forward balance		£64,244	£4,181
Total carried forward balance		£71,618	£64,244
AA - Action Abroad (Designated) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Other trading activities			
Parish Office hire - fund raising		£180	£720
	<i>Total Other trading activities</i>	<u>£180</u>	<u>£720</u>
Total income and endowments		£180	£720
Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Giving to other charities		£180	£1,079
Bank charges		—	£1
	<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	<u>£180</u>	<u>£1,080</u>
Total expenditure		£180	£1,080
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		—	(£360)
Brought forward balance		£180	£540
Total carried forward balance		£180	£180

Note	From To	01 January 2023 31 December 2023	01 January 2022 31 December 2022
AA - Action Abroad (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Donations received via CAF		—	£60
1-off small cash donations		£9	£115
1-off donations		£1,809	£411
Gift Aid tax recovered direct		£128	£98
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>		<i>£1,946</i>	<i>£683</i>
Other trading activities			
Art exhibition entrance fees		£285	£251
Art exhibition receipts from sales		£4,221	£3,732
<i>Total Other trading activities</i>		<i>£4,506</i>	<i>£3,983</i>
Total income and endowments		£6,452	£4,667
Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Giving to other charities		£1,300	£3,594
Refund of minor activity expenses		—	£52
Bank charges		£5	—
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>		<i>£1,305</i>	<i>£3,646</i>
Other expenditure			
Art exhibition payments to artists		£3,137	£2,441
<i>Total Other expenditure</i>		<i>£3,137</i>	<i>£2,441</i>
Total expenditure		£4,442	£6,087
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		£2,009	(£1,420)
Brought forward balance		£100	£1,521
Total carried forward balance		£2,110	£100
Fabric - Fabric sinking fund (Designated) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
1-off donations		£2,000	£1,000
Gift Aid tax recovered direct		£500	—
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>		<i>£2,500</i>	<i>£1,000</i>
Other income			
LPOW grants (VAT recovery)		£597	—
<i>Total Other income</i>		<i>£597</i>	<i>—</i>
Total income and endowments		£3,097	£1,000
Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Church major works (repair)		£5,980	£6,843
Church repairs and maintenance		—	£120
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>		<i>£5,980</i>	<i>£6,963</i>
Total expenditure		£5,980	£6,963

<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2023 31 December 2023	01 January 2022 31 December 2022
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(£2,883)	(£5,963)
	Transfers to/(from)	£3,000	£3,000
	Brought forward balance	£11,348	£14,311
	Total carried forward balance	£11,465	£11,348

Legacy - Legacy fund (Designated) Fund

Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Hire of external venues	£46	—	
Church major works (new)	£10,849	—	
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	<i>£10,896</i>	<i>—</i>	
Total expenditure	£10,896	—	
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(£10,896)	—
	Brought forward balance	£50,908	£50,908
	Total carried forward balance	£40,013	£50,908

Legacy - Legacy fund (Restricted) Fund

Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Legacies	—	£10,000	
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>£10,000</i>	
Total income and endowments	—	£10,000	
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	—	£10,000
	Brought forward balance	£10,000	—
	Total carried forward balance	£10,000	£10,000

Grants - Grant funds (Restricted) Fund

Income and endowments			
Other income			
Grants received	£301	£240	
<i>Total Other income</i>	<i>£301</i>	<i>£240</i>	
Total income and endowments	£301	£240	
Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Choir church	£82	£240	
Refund of minor activity expenses	£19	—	
Church repairs and maintenance	£2,000	£200	
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	<i>£2,101</i>	<i>£440</i>	
Total expenditure	£2,101	£440	
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(£1,800)	(£200)
	Brought forward balance	(£200)	—
	Total carried forward balance	(£2,000)	(£200)

<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2023 31 December 2023	01 January 2022 31 December 2022
Reordering - Reordering fund (Designated) Fund			
Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Upkeep of organ		£1,320	—
Church running - insurance		£288	—
Hire of external venues		£46	—
Church major works (new)		£106,891	—
Purchase of equipment		£4,586	—
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>		<u>£113,132</u>	<u>—</u>
Total expenditure		£113,132	—
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		(£113,132)	—
Brought forward balance		£113,132	£113,132
Total carried forward balance		—	£113,132

Reordering - Reordering fund (Restricted) Fund

Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
1-off small cash donations		£74	£23
Gift Aid tax recovered direct		£9	—
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>		<u>£83</u>	<u>£23</u>
Other income			
LPOW grants (VAT recovery)		£25,165	—
Grants received		£32,000	—
<i>Total Other income</i>		<u>£57,165</u>	<u>—</u>
Total income and endowments		£57,248	£23
Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Church major works (new)		£92,590	£2,014
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>		<u>£92,590</u>	<u>£2,014</u>
Total expenditure		£92,590	£2,014
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		(£35,342)	(£1,991)
Brought forward balance		£35,342	£37,333
Total carried forward balance		—	£35,342

<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2023 31 December 2023	01 January 2022 31 December 2022
Children - Children and families support (Designated) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Donations via card payment services		£807	£343
1-off small cash donations		£442	£338
1-off donations		—	£1,406
Gift Aid tax recovered direct		£242	£24
	<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<u>£1,491</u>	<u>£2,111</u>
Other income			
Sundry income		£120	£1,057
	<i>Total Other income</i>	<u>£120</u>	<u>£1,057</u>
Total income and endowments		£1,611	£3,167
Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Working expenses of incumbent		—	£63
Service costs and consumables		—	£38
Refund of minor activity expenses		£166	£243
Miscellaneous staffing expenses		—	£38
Children and families minister		£12,934	£9,965
Hire of external venues		£812	£1,023
	<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	<u>£13,913</u>	<u>£11,370</u>
Other expenditure			
Sundry expenditure		£125	—
	<i>Total Other expenditure</i>	<u>£125</u>	<u>—</u>
Total expenditure		£14,038	£11,370
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	<u>(£12,427)</u>	<u>(£8,203)</u>
	Transfers to/(from)	£12,000	£9,000
	Brought forward balance	£797	—
Total carried forward balance		£371	£797

Children - Children and families support (Restricted) Fund

Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Donations via card payment services		—	£6
	<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<u>—</u>	<u>£6</u>
Other income			
Grants received		£4,616	£1,738
	<i>Total Other income</i>	<u>£4,616</u>	<u>£1,738</u>
Total income and endowments		£4,616	£1,744
Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Refund of minor activity expenses		£129	£161
Children and families minister		£4,535	£1,386
Hire of external venues		£68	—
	<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	<u>£4,731</u>	<u>£1,547</u>
Total expenditure		£4,731	£1,547

Note	From To	01 January 2023	01 January 2022
		31 December 2023	31 December 2022
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(£115)	£196
	Brought forward balance	£196	—
	Total carried forward balance	£81	£196

Girton PCC - 1189339
Balance sheet (Church of England)
As at: 31 December 2023

	As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
	£	£
Fixed assets		
Investments	£109,359	£101,653
	<u>£109,359</u>	<u>£101,653</u>
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	£105,010	£254,842
	<u>£105,010</u>	<u>£254,842</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	£1,832	£517
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>£103,178</u>	<u>£254,325</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>£212,537</u>	<u>£355,978</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>£212,537</u>	<u>£355,978</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	£69,653	£65,868
Designated		
Designated - Churchyard fund	£9,046	£4,062
Designated - Action Abroad	£180	£180
Designated - Fabric sinking fund	£11,465	£11,348
Designated - Legacy fund	£40,013	£50,908
Designated - Reordering fund	—	£113,132
Designated - Children and families support	£371	£797
Restricted		
Restricted - Churchyard fund	£71,618	£64,244
Restricted - Action Abroad	£2,110	£100
Restricted - Legacy fund	£10,000	£10,000
Restricted - Grant funds	(£2,000)	(£200)
Restricted - Reordering fund	—	£35,342
Restricted - Children and families support	£81	£196
Restricted - Agency collection	—	—
Funds of the church	<u>£212,537</u>	<u>£355,978</u>

Girton PCC - 1189339
Fund movement by type
Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances carried forward
General							
Unrestricted	£65,868	£83,185	£68,059	(£15,000)	£3,660	—	£69,653
Sub-totals	£65,868	£83,185	£68,059	(£15,000)	£3,660	—	£69,653
Churchyard							
Designated	£4,062	£5,404	£420	—	—	—	£9,046
Restricted	£64,244	£6,577	£3,248	—	£4,045	—	£71,618
Sub-totals	£68,306	£11,981	£3,668	—	£4,045	—	£80,664
AA							
Designated	£180	£180	£180	—	—	—	£180
Restricted	£100	£6,452	£4,442	—	—	—	£2,110
Sub-totals	£280	£6,632	£4,622	—	—	—	£2,290
Fabric							
Designated	£11,348	£3,097	£5,980	£3,000	—	—	£11,465
Sub-totals	£11,348	£3,097	£5,980	£3,000	—	—	£11,465
Legacy							
Designated	£50,908	—	£10,896	—	—	—	£40,013
Restricted	£10,000	—	—	—	—	—	£10,000
Sub-totals	£60,908	—	£10,896	—	—	—	£50,013
Grants							
Restricted	(£200)	£301	£2,101	—	—	—	(£2,000)
Sub-totals	(£200)	£301	£2,101	—	—	—	(£2,000)
Reordering							
Designated	£113,132	—	£113,132	—	—	—	—
Restricted	£35,342	£57,248	£92,590	—	—	—	—
Sub-totals	£148,474	£57,248	£205,722	—	—	—	—
Children							
Designated	£797	£1,611	£14,038	£12,000	—	—	£371
Restricted	£196	£4,616	£4,731	—	—	—	£81
Sub-totals	£994	£6,227	£18,769	£12,000	—	—	£452
Totals	£355,978	£168,670	£319,817	—	£7,705	—	£212,537

Girton PCC - 1189339
Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)
As at: 31 December 2023

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed assets - Investments						
6431 : CBF CofE Investment Fund Income Shares	£30,969	—	—	—	£30,969	£28,285
6432 : G002 Girton Rector & Churchwardens	£11,348	—	—	—	£11,348	£10,372
6433 : G008 Girton Farey Trust	—	—	£20,000	—	£20,000	£20,000
6434 : G017 Girton Skinner Trust	—	—	£22,131	—	£22,131	£20,228
6435 : G009 Girton Gutsell Grave Trust	—	—	£24,911	—	£24,911	£22,769
Total	£42,317	—	£67,042	—	£109,359	£101,653
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
6501 : Bank current account	£1,565	£4,666	£2,696	—	£8,926	£17,387
6510 : CCLA (CBF) general deposit	£25,739	£56,408	£13,903	—	£96,051	£149,658
6515 : Flagstone deposit platform	—	—	—	—	—	£87,792
6590 : Cash and cheques in hand	£32	—	—	—	£32	£6
Total	£27,336	£61,074	£16,599	—	£105,010	£254,842
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
6699 : Agency collections	—	—	£1,832	—	£1,832	£517
Total	—	—	£1,832	—	£1,832	£517
Net total assets	£69,653	£61,074	£81,809	—	£212,537	£355,978
Represented by						
Unrestricted - General	£69,653	—	—	—	£69,653	£65,868
Designated - Churchyard	—	£9,046	—	—	£9,046	£4,062
Designated - AA	—	£180	—	—	£180	£180
Designated - Fabric	—	£11,465	—	—	£11,465	£11,348
Designated - Legacy	—	£40,013	—	—	£40,013	£50,908
Designated - Reordering	—	—	—	—	—	£113,132
Designated - Children	—	£371	—	—	£371	£797
Restricted - Churchyard	—	—	£71,618	—	£71,618	£64,244
Restricted - AA	—	—	£2,110	—	£2,110	£100
Restricted - Legacy	—	—	£10,000	—	£10,000	£10,000
Restricted - Grants	—	—	(£2,000)	—	(£2,000)	(£200)
Restricted - Reordering	—	—	—	—	—	£35,342
Restricted - Children	—	—	£81	—	£81	£196
Total	£69,653	£61,074	£81,809	—	£212,537	£355,978

Copy of the Independent examiner's report to the PCC

Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St Andrews Glebe, Girton

This report on the financial statements of the Girton PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 and 2., is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ("the Act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the Girton PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the *Church Guidance*, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations
 - have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jacquie Fisher

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25th February 2024